



### Alert Summary: Buffalo Plane Crash

Date: February 12, 2009

Location: Clarence Center, NY

### Selected NIMC Updates:

Unconfirmed sources are reporting that an aircraft has crashed into a house near Long St and Maple St.

2/12/09 19:31 PST

Aircraft now reported as a commercial prop aircraft.

2/12/09 20:46 PST

Aircraft identified as Colgan Flight 3407 from Newark to Buffalo.

2/12/09 21:13 PST

Crew members had reported mechanical problems moments before the crash.

2/12/09 21:20 PST

Authorities confirm 49 deaths in Continental airliner crash.

2/12/09 22:04 PST

Fire extinguished; cause of crash remains under investigation.

2/13/09 14:11 PST

## INCIDENT SITUATION

Forty-nine people were killed when a commuter flight crashed into a neighborhood in Clarence Center, NY just after 10:00pm (local time) on February 12<sup>th</sup>, igniting a fire visible from miles away.

Continental Connection Flight 3407 was en route to Buffalo, NY from Newark, NJ when it crashed into a house in a suburban neighborhood in western New York, 15 miles northeast of Buffalo. A fire began after the crashed and forced an evacuation of 12 nearby homes and damaged several others. One person on the ground was killed and two others injured.

After an investigation of the flight data recorder aboard the aircraft, the National Transportation Safety Board believes pilot error may have been the cause for the accident. Ice buildup and problems with the plane's de-icing equipment may have also played a role in the accident.

NC4 issued the initial report of this incident approximately 20 minutes after the plane had crashed.

## NC4 COVERAGE

NC4 provides ongoing updates to members as the incident unfolds through the National Incident Monitoring Center (NIMC). NIMC analysts follow the incident using official government sources as well as national and local media sources - linking to the local breaking news article, *Plane crashes into Clarence Center home*, including images from the scene and eyewitness reports.